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The War on AIM Continues ...



Leonard Peltier: His long ordeal of enduring state repression has come to symbolize the undeclared war against the American Indian Movement.

By Arthur J. Miller

"The only thing I am guilty of is trying to help my people. For this it is very possible I will spend the rest of my life in prison."

Gwarth-ee-Lass, Leonard Peltier, prisoner of war.

Since the days when the first Europeans stepped upon the land now known as America and instituted their social disease, statism, the native people have resisted European domination, robbery and massive genocide. The fight goes on today in places like the Paha Sapa (Black Hills), where members of the Oglala Lakota and the American Indian Movement (A.I.M.) have reclaimed some of the stolen land and established a traditional village. In the southwest the Dine (Navaho) and the Hopi are resisting the most serious threat to their survival in 100 years by struggling against forced relocation of over 8,000 of their people and they are also fighting to defend their sacred Big Mountain from being raped for coal. And then in Montana, the Northern Cheyenne are

struggling for survival of their homelands against ARCO and other multi-national corporations. These are but three examples of modern Indian resistance. With a little looking around you will find many other examples.

The struggle of the American Indians over years is convincing proof that the people can struggle against the State over a long period of time and that the people can live without a State, the Indians have done it with remarkable success for thousands of years. The Indian resisters don't snivel over sectarianism as others do, they realize that their energies are needed in the struggle for they are constantly aware that if they give up or lose it will mean complete genocide for them. Russell Means, of Dakota A.I.M., expressed this determination when talking about Yellow Thunder Encampment. "One of the members of the national press asked me if we were armed. That question, amazes me. Here we are, a handful of Indians in the middle of the most powerful nation in the world, with the most arms of any nation in the world, and they have the audacity to ask us if

we're armed. Damn right we're armed! We're armed with our fists, our shovels, our axes, and whatever else we can find laying on the ground if we have to defend ourselves from our attackers."

Given this resistance to Europeanization, the difficulty many Indians have living in statist society, and the overwhelming racism against Indians, a high percentage of Indians find themselves incarcerated in prison. Walter Echo-Hawk, a Pawnee from Oklahoma, who is a lawyer working with the Native American Rights Fund, says that, "Generally, virtually every Indian you will meet either has been incarcerated or has a family member who has been incarcerated."

This article is about one such imprisoned resister, Gwarth-ee-Lass, Leonard Peltier, Prisoner of War of the Lakota people. The story of Leonard can't be told without telling the story of many others for the trial of Leonard Peltier is the trial of all Indian people.

In the summer of '75 Leonard and other Lakotas were setting up a sweat lodge near some elders in preparation for a sun dance that August. On June 26th the F.B.I. invaded Lakota land at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, on the pretext of merely wanting to serve a warrant on Jimmy Eagle, a teenager accused of trying to steal a pair of boots. F.B.I. agents opened fire on a house near where the sweatlodge was being built. The Lakotas fought back and two F.B.I. agents were killed and one defender, Joseph Stuntz, was killed. The following day 175 F.B.I. agents arrived accompanied with State Troopers and Bureau of Indian Affairs pigs invaded Pine Ridge and Rosebud reserva-

tions, sacking houses and seizing 364 people for interrogation.

The sundance was moved to the Rosebud and on the morning of Sept. 5, 100 F.B.I. goons attacked the new camp. Amongst those who were arrested was Anna Mae Aquash, a 27 year old Micmac Indian woman from Nova Scotia, who had been part of the Wounded Knee Action. Aquash later testified: "I saw F.B.I. agents standing there with M-16's and pistols. They just came in and — I don't know the correct word to use — raided or busted or just pillaged ... you know, they were just all over the place, dumping things and just tearing things apart." Aquash was told that she could clear herself if she named names. To which she answered: "You can shoot me or put me in jail. Those are the two choices I am taking." Then F.B.I. terrorist David Price told Aquash that he would see her dead within a year. On February 24, 1976, a rancher found the decomposing body of Anna Mae Aquash, shot in the back of the head, executed.

Five months after the death of the two F.B.I. invaders, Bob Roideau, Dino Butler, Jimmy Eagle, and Leonard Peltier were indicted with aiding and abetting in the so-called murders. Both Robideau and Butler pleaded self-defense and were acquitted. The charges against Jimmy Eagle were dropped. Leonard was extradited from Canada where he had been held in chains in solitary confinement in Oakalla Prison. Leonard was tried and found guilty on false and fabricated evidence and by the racism of the judge and jury. Leonard is now in Marion pen-

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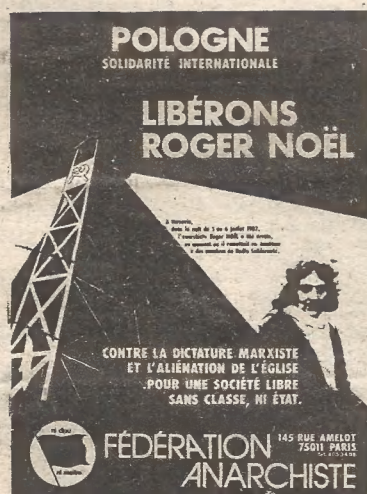
Free Roger Noel!

By DAM & the STRIKE! Collective
WARSAW — On the night of 5/6 July 1982, the Warsaw militia-arrested Roger Noel, also known as BABAR, a militant anarchist well known in Brussels. A member of the self-managed printing works "22 March", he was a moving spirit of the A.L.O. (Association for Freedom of the Air Waves), and was transmitting at the time of his arrest. BABAR (described by Polish TV as "this Belgian anarchist with sympathies for Solidarnosc") delivered a transmitter clandestinely to Radio Solidarnosc (Warsaw), which has resulted in the imprisonment of several people.

At present Noel is confined in a cell with "common rights" — in accordance with his own wishes, and faces a sentence of between 3 and 10 years, depending on the precise nature of the charges. At the moment the situation is still not clear — the first hearing of Roger's case was on August 13th and reports have not yet filtered through, but we do know that he is still in prison. His comrades at the 22 March printing works have called for an international campaign of solidarity to secure his release, asking that it be set within a framework of demands for the end of repression in Poland, and the release of all Solidarnosc printers.

Letters demanding his immediate release should be sent to Consulate General of the Polish People's Republic, 19 Weymouth St., London W1, England.

In Britain, DAM (British Section of the



International Workers' Association) has drawn up a petition for international circulation. Copies are available in North America from the Libertarian Workers' Group, P.O. Box 692, Old Chelsea Station, New York, N.Y. 1113 and the Toronto Anarchist Group, P.O. Box 571, Station P, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. For information straight from Europe contact: ASBL "22 Mars", 2 rue de l'inquisition, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium. Tel: (2) 7362776.

Information about defense activities will be greatly appreciated by the STRIKE! Collective to report on in upcoming issues of STRIKE!

The Polish Autumn

By Brian Amesly

"The peoples owe all the political rights and privileges which we enjoy today in greater or lesser measure, not to the good will of their governments, but to their strength ... Only after the workers had by direct action confronted parliament with accomplished facts, did the government see itself obliged to take the new situation into account and give legal sanction to the trade unions. What is important is not that governments have decided to concede certain rights to the people, but the reason why they had to do this."

Rudolph Rocker
"Anarcho-Syndicalism"

In the Polish summer of 1980 the truth of Rudolph Rocker's insights were boldly demonstrated in the accomplished facts of a workers' revolt which amazed people around the world. In this, the Polish autumn of 1982 Rocker's reflections remain just as true even though the situation is completely changed with the government not feeling obliged to legally sanctify anything desired by the workers.

Thus, the de-legalization of Solidarnosc amounts to little more than a formality. That See Nov. 10th Demos



A poster of this first appeared in Poland in the late 1940's to 'celebrate the working class at the helm of state'. Retouched, it now appears in underground publications.

LETTERS TO STRIKE!

For National Liberation

Dear STRIKE!

It was good to read a voice in favor of national liberation movements in the September STRIKE! (Anarchist Viewpoint). I have too often been very frustrated by what appears to me as STRIKE!'s racism against non-white self-determination movements and uncritical support of the uprising in Poland. Everything in Poland was good and anarchic while everything in Central America or the Middle East was bad and authoritarian.

A good analysis will make distinctions. The Virgin Mary and fascist Polish nationalism are as much part of the Polish uprising as is revolutionary anarchism. What one needs to do is separate those elements and support the one while fighting the other. The same holds for Palestine or Central America. There are authoritarian elements in those revolutionary situations as well as anti-authoritarian elements. The El Salvador guerillas are, for the most part, highly decentralized. The battle there is generally not between two armies, but between one army and local insurgents. (See "Rural El Salvador: An Eyewitness Account" in May '82's *Monthly Review*.) The fact that many Salvadoreans co-operate with the more centralized forces is due to the fact that they have a single non-theoretical enemy who is out to tear their guts out and blow their brains all over the earth.

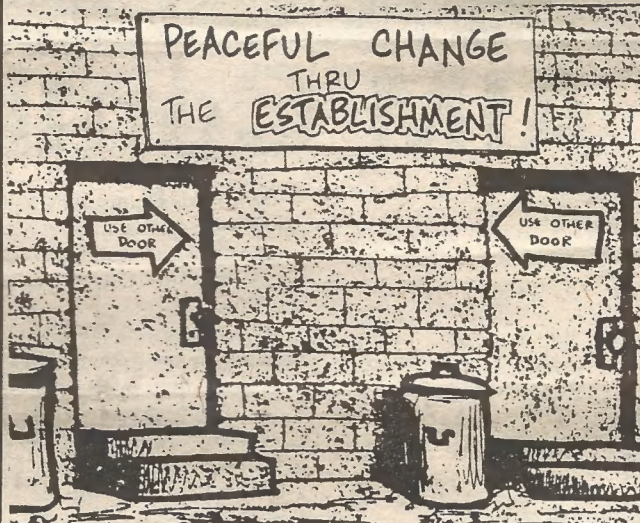
That fact already makes the situation in El Salvador different from Poland. In Salvador dissatisfaction turned into a battle — and that battle began at the bottom with peasants who couldn't stand the pain and terror of their daily lives. In Poland dissatisfaction didn't turn into a battle because the terror of daily life wasn't yet unbearable. Poland, after all, is in Europe, so more sausages and a raised cane solved the problem for the moment, as they were solved here in North America in the 1880s and 1890s and the 1930s. That's the difference between Poland and Central America — not that one is more advanced and anarchic and the other is backward and authoritarian.

Palestine is a similar situation. The authoritarian element in that revolutionary situation — more or less the leadership of the PLO — is unmistakable and detrimental to the Palestinians. The slaughter in Beirut, for example, appears to be a result of PLO's centralized tactics. If they had concentrated in arming all the Palestinian communities and not in developing an authoritarian army, then the Palestinians would not have been left helpless to face the bloodthirsty fascists and their imperialist masters. However, at the same time, the PLO is a federation of a number of different tendencies and is the objective institution through which Palestinian insurgency is channeled. Granted, that institution must be changed and criticism from anarchists must be harsh. But at the same time the insurgency that this institution channels must be supported by all revolutionaries. So the PLO as an organization for *insurgency* must be supported, although as an *organization* for insurgency must be rejected. Such distinctions are not subtle; they are real distinctions that emerge as the contradictions of the revolution in Palestine.



Such contradictions will be found in any revolutionary situation. Revolutions do not dissolve all contradictions — they are propelled by their own inconsistencies and conflicting purposes. And if anarchist analysis has anything to contribute, it is this keen sense for the contradictions of a revolution. Otherwise anarchists will find themselves either with authoritarian communists or imperialists.

For Starters



The debate continues. In the *Anarchist Viewpoint* section this past September when STRIKE! presented one of two sharply different views on the questions of nationalism and national liberation we invited our readers to engage in a wide-ranging debate on these issues. This month's letters column shows the invitation has not gone unheeded and we are gratified. It is our hope that the debate will be carried on further. Similar discussion on other issues presented in STRIKE! is also most welcome.

When the decision was made just under a year ago to publish as an eight page monthly this was with the intention of producing ten issues per year. Despite this, the tenth issue is now in your hands and plans are already taking shape for an eleventh in December. Given this we have decided to commit an 'adventurist deviation' and will then proceed with a ten issue year in 1983 beginning next February assuming the money is there. A successful fundraising campaign will guarantee this.

A notable feature in this issue is the 'resurrection' of our calendar section. Absent for several months it did not appear simply because there were no submissions. The current listings are few in number but it's a start. The continued appearance of a calendar section depends upon reader interest so why not go ahead and take advantage of some free publicity for events in your area?

Last time around this column explained how to become involved in bulk distribution of STRIKE!. Nothing however was said about how to *remain* a bulk distributor. Since July STRIKE! has adopted a policy of expecting bulk distributors to either financial compensate us for copies sold or, if money is a problem, to let us know and request continued mailings.

Elsewhere, the STRIKE! Collective is please to see more prisoners asking to receive the free subscriptions available to them. Others currently residing in the dungeons of the state are welcome to follow suit.

Finally, as many people across Canada and in the U.S. Northeast know there was recently a rather large exposition at the Toronto manufacturers of the Cruise Missile guidance system last month credited to "Direct Action" (see *Anarchist Viewpoint* on p. 5). The caption on our front cover and our strong opposition to the Cruise Missile notwithstanding it wasn't us who did it nor do we have any clues. So if the RCMP or any other agency of the state is looking our way they're barking up the wrong tree. Sorry fellas.

The national question must be approached with the same care. Yes, national liberation often translates into nationalism, which quickly evolves into statism. However, that does not mean that the desire for national self-determination is a nationalist or a statist one. In fact, it seems that national self-determination contradicts nationalist statism. Take any state, now or in the past, and you will see that what tears away at it is the desire for national self-determination. The reason is that boundaries of state always cut through national regions. Why? Because nationalities do not occupy a clearly marked, continuous territory. Nationalities occupy a discontinuous space — as in the Balkans, where one village is Serbian, the next mixed, the other one Slovak, and in a day's ride you're in a Moslem town. Such national diversity, which is the rule throughout the world, not the exception, is incompatible with any state.

Thus national self-determination is compatible with anarchism. In fact, it is only compatible with anarchism because only anarchism allows for cultural as well as individual diversity.

To repeat, this is not to say that everything about a national liberation movement is good. National liberation movements do unite with statist tendencies, but that's because anarchist alternatives are not available. Thus these movements are blind to the fact that statism conflicts with their desire to determine their own lives, how they shall speak, work, eat, dress, and dance.

In conclusion, let me make a methodological suggestion that might deepen anarchist analysis, or at least keep our eyes open to revolutionary situations. Anarchists should support *any* outbreak of resistance to authority, no matter how confused this outbreak might be. So the first question we should ask of a movement ought to be: Is it or is it not an insurgent uprising against domination? If no, we are dealing with enemies; if yes, with friends. Of course, friends can be mistaken, and so the questions must continue even if we are dealing with anti-authoritarian insurgency. Can your means bring about your end? Are your means contra-

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dictory? Are your ends contradictory?

In short, first establish whether or not we are dealing with a revolutionary situation, and if we are, then proceed to bring out the contradictions of that situation. Such an inquiry will lead to a more differentiated analysis than what I've seen in the pages of this anarchist paper.

In solidarity,
Michael L.
Fredonia, N.Y.

Brian Amesly replies: Seldom has a letter to STRIKE! seemed more in need of a response from a member of the STRIKE! Collective. While on the whole the letter is well argued and thought provoking there are still some basic points I wish to reply to.

Although the thrust of your criticism on the question of nationalism and national liberation relates to the Third World it is pertinent to note an example closer to home to set the record of STRIKE! a little more straight. This example being Quebec.

Back as far ago as our fourth issue in early 1980 we made it abundantly clear that we defended Quebec's right to self-determination in face of the threats from Ottawa and elsewhere to this right. Shortly thereafter a number of us gave active support to the committees to Defend Quebec's Right to Self-Determination during the Quebec referendum campaign. But in doing this we flatly rejected the designs of the Parti Quebecois for Quebec and other statist 'solutions' to national oppression. These facts and the letter which follows are clear indications that you lack the whole picture of our view on this question.

By contrast, the implication of racism is baseless. It equates a rejection of movements like those which came to power in China, Cuba, Viet Nam and Nicaragua with racism thereby ignoring the

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Resistance Sabotages Registration

By Jon Bekken

October 9, 1982 — The government is stepping up its campaign against draft resisters, as continued resistance activities make it clear that the government will lose this round in the coming months.

October 6th, a Federal grand jury indicted Rusty Martin, president of the student government at the University of Northern Iowa. Martin, scheduled to register in summer of 1980 (as were all of those whose indictments have been announced thus far), has been an outspoken opponent of draft registration. Government officials stated that he was the 12th person to be indicted for non-registration (although the names of many of those said to have been indicted have not been released).

The indictment followed the sentencing October 4th of well-known draft resister Ben Sasway to two and a half years in prison for non-registration. Sasway, who had spent six weeks in prison awaiting sentencing, was released on bond, pending appeal. And resister Mark Schumucker was convicted of non-registration October 6th. In the midst of these developments, the government announced that 170,000 non-registrants had registered, and Selective Service reduced its estimate of non-registrants to more than 500,000 young men. However, every attempt to verify Selective Service's counts has found that they consistently overcount the number of registrants and undercount the number of young men required to register.

And even while the convictions begin to pile up (at this writing, the government has secured three convictions), the government is clearly losing the war. The government's desperation is perhaps best indicated by the prosecution's attempt to get Schumucker to register for the draft during his trial. After securing the conviction, prosecutor Gary Arbezniak stated: "The law was clear ... We have to enforce the laws," adding that "The substance of what he

(Schumucker) says is true. How can you deny it? Following Schumucker's conviction, the **Michigan Daily**, in an editorial, termed the government's selective prosecutions against anti-draft activists "a tactic that would warm the heart of a czar," noting that the "government ... stand(s) no chance of successfully prosecuting and incarcerating all the law-breakers."

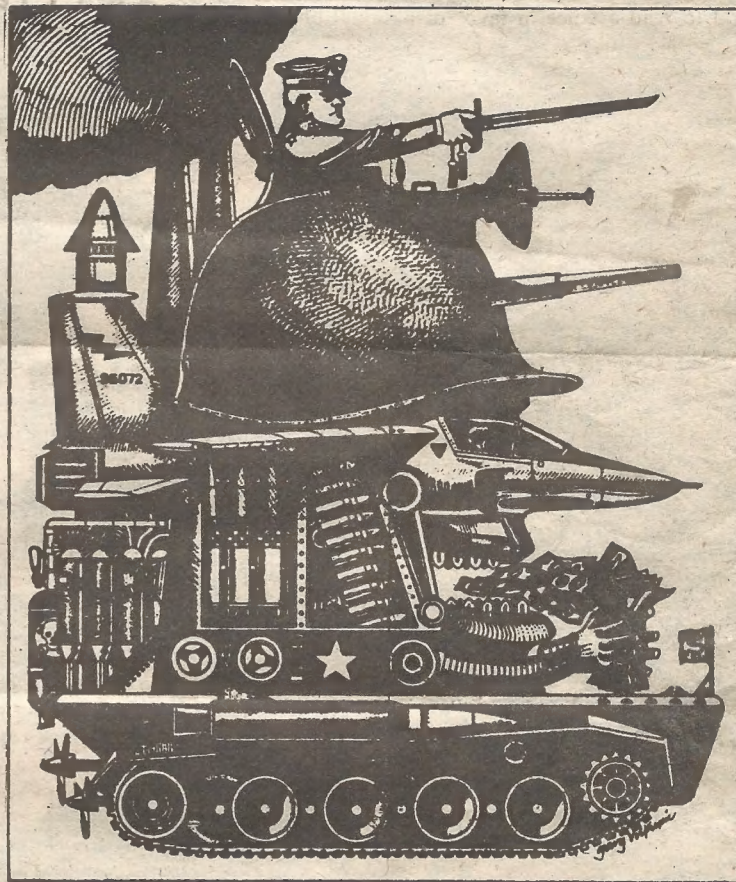
At this point, the government is proceeding with prosecutions throughout the country; seeking indictments, convictions and prison terms, or battling against appeals. And its campaign of intimidation is having limited success; the legislation requiring college students to prove they have registered for the draft before being eligible to apply for financial assistance has convinced many young men that they must register. Some people, similarly, have been frightened into registration by the ongoing prosecutions. However, the figures released by the government reveal just how far this campaign has fallen short of its goals. Of about one million nonregistrants (based upon media estimates and an audit by the General Accounting Office), only about 170,000 — by Selective Service's count — have signed up; leaving at least 800,000 nonregistrants, with more refusing to register every day. Selective Service's records are rapidly becoming useless, as hundreds of thousands of young men move without notifying the draft agency of their change of address (technically a violation of the draft law).

And the government knows full well that nonregistration is just the tip of the resistance. During every prior war, the numbers of those refusing induction have far exceeded the numbers refusing to register. Anti-draft activists working on campuses have reported that many young men who have decided to register in order to retain their eligibility for financial aid monies are determined not to submit to a draft if, and when, the government attempts to

impose one.

And resistance activities are continuing, spurred by the ongoing campaign of government intimidation. Across the country, anti-draft activists are setting up defense funds for draft resisters, soliciting donations, and preparing defenses. In San Diego, 1400 people attended a rally and march which encircled the fed-

support for resistance. Observed indicted draft resister Gillam Kerley, speaking recently at a conference in Detroit. "For every resister who loses in court, Selective Service loses in the eyes of the public. There's been a whole lot of prosecutions ..." And this opposition is limiting the government's options in pursuing nonregistrants. Indeed, legislation to require welfare



eral prison where Ben Sasway was imprisoned October 3rd (he was released on bond the next day).

Hundreds of people demonstrated at Selective Service Headquarters October 11th, and 58 people were arrested for attempting to blockade the building. Similarly, draft opponents in Davenport Iowa were planning at press time to blockade the federal courthouse on November 1st, when resister Gary Ecklund goes to trial, in an attempt to stop the trial from taking place.

In Los Angeles, a federal judge has forced the government to produce documents relating to the question of selective enforcement, although those documents are not being turned over to attorneys for resister David Wayte. It is the first time that a federal judge has attempted to seriously deal with the issue, and has at least threatened to dismiss the case (a threat which forced the government to produce the documents). And the government's prosecutions are leading to increased, and more vocal,

recipients and others who are dependent on government funds to prove that they had registered is currently going nowhere, unable to muster sufficient support even in Congress. The government has found that it is unable to force people to register in the face of massive resistance, and realizes that even greater resistance lies ahead if a draft is actually imposed. Draft registration, like all laws, relies upon the subservience of the people to be effective. Thus, while the state may continue to press prosecutions for awhile, in desperate attempts to increase registration rates, draft registration has been defeated. Indeed, by the government's own statistics, nonregistration rates continue to rise as ever larger portions of those required to register for the draft refuse to do so. The question that remains is what new tactics the government will try in its ongoing effort to ensure that the necessary supply of cannon fodder will be available when next needed.

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tentiary convicted of two counts of first degree murder with two life sentences.

Leonard's lawyers have filed a 2255 Writ of Habeas Corpus and instead of responding to the writ with either a granting of or denial of a new trial for Leonard, the Government has further delayed a decision. On the first of October his legal team addressed this new delay and as of this writing, word from the National Defense Committee is that the Government is still 'sitting on' any further action. We are still hoping for further word soon, hopefully either a new trial or a change of venue.

In other developments associated with Leonard's struggle, Dino with his brother Gary were arrested and found guilty of nine counts including firing dangerous arms in city limits. At their trial they declined to participate in a trial where they were denied the presence of the pipe in the courtroom. They were held in chains and the two brothers have fasted for their rights. For more information write: Society of the People Struggling to be Free, Station K, P.O. Box 69092, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

In 1978, Indian prisoner Standing Deer, was sought out by government and prison agents to help in a plot to kill Leonard. Instead of helping the Government Standing Deer informed Leonard of the plot. Leonard and two other Indian activists, Dallas Thundershield and Bobby Garcia escaped. Thundershield was murdered as he was surrendering. Garcia was recaptured immediately and later murdered in Terre Haute Prison. They said he hung himself just like Carl Harp and George Simmons. Leonard was able to stay free for 5 days. Standing Deer came forth and testified about the death plot. He has been moved all over the country and many fear for his life. He is now in Marion and is part of a work strike going on there. He is also trying to get outside supporters to send in books for the strikers. You can write to him or send in books to him at: Robert Wilson a/k/a Standing Deer, c/p #01499-164, P.O. Box 1000, Marion Ill. 02959.

Winston Holloway had befriended Standing Deer and Bobby Garcia and ever since he has been moved from one hole to the next. His cell has been bombed and he was put in isolation because of it. He is now at: Winston Holloway, 1639-009, P.O. Box 1,000, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

Alan Iron Moccasin was charged with a homicide in January 1982. Many believe that he has been charged because of his close relationship with Leonard. Blood and hair samples were taken from him but the results were negative. The temporary address of his defense committee is: Alan Iron Moccasin Defense Committee, c/o Oyate Wicaho, Publication of the Dakota American Indian Movement, Box 70, Porcupine, S.D. 57772.

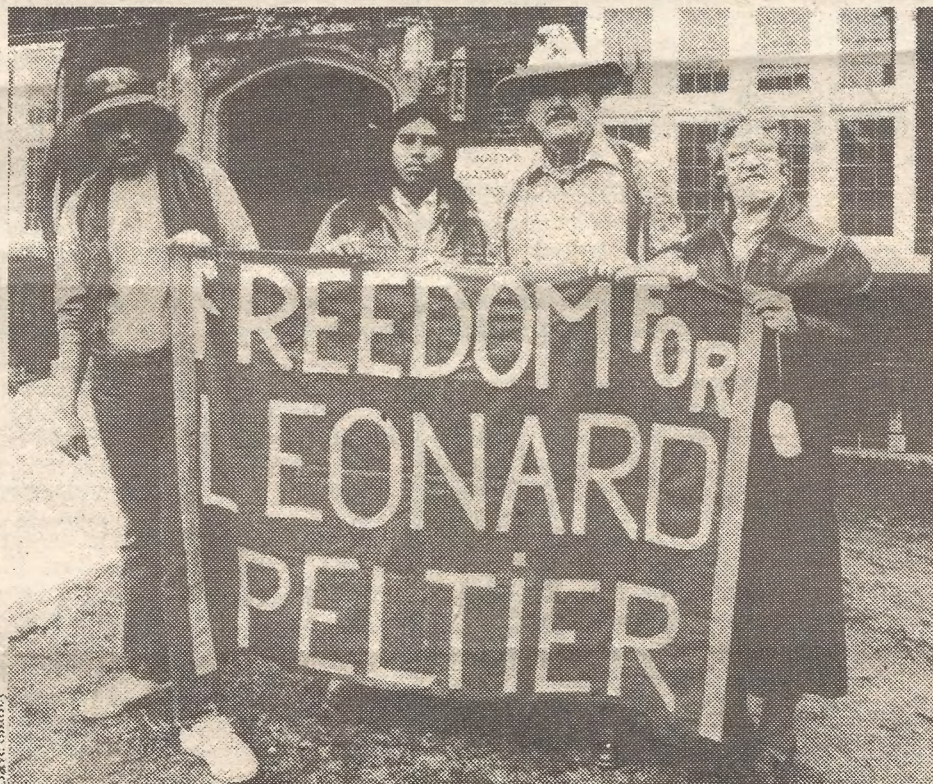
How to help Leonard Peltier

First, Leonard needs immediate letters sent to Federal Judge Paul Benson, c/o Clerk of Courts, U.S. District Court, 655 First Ave., Fargo, N.D. 58102. The purpose of these letters is to show the extent of support and concern for Leonard.

Donating to the Leonard Peltier Campaign for Public Awareness. A campaign dealing with the media and helping support speakers, both trying to bring about the awareness of the urgency of Leonard's last legal recourse. Please

send money to: Leonard Peltier Campaign for Public Awareness/Black Hills Alliance, P.O. Box 2508, Rapid City, S.D. 57709. This is a tax deductible donation (in the U.S.). Your tax number should read: B.H.A./L.P./C.A.P. #46-035-3904.

Write letters to inquire about Leonard's



health and safety, plus please ask for a Prison transfer to North Dakota. Send to: Dir. Bureau of Prisons, Attn: Norman Carlson, 320 First St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20534. And: Warden, U.S.P., Attn: Harold G. Miller, P.O. Box 1000, Marion, Ill. 62959.

Write to Amnesty International asking that they adopt Leonard as a political prisoner of conscience. Send to: Angela Wright, Amnesty International, 10 Southampton St., London WC2E 7HF, England.

Write letters of support to Leonard Peltier #89637-132, P.O. Box 1000, Marion, Ill. 62959.

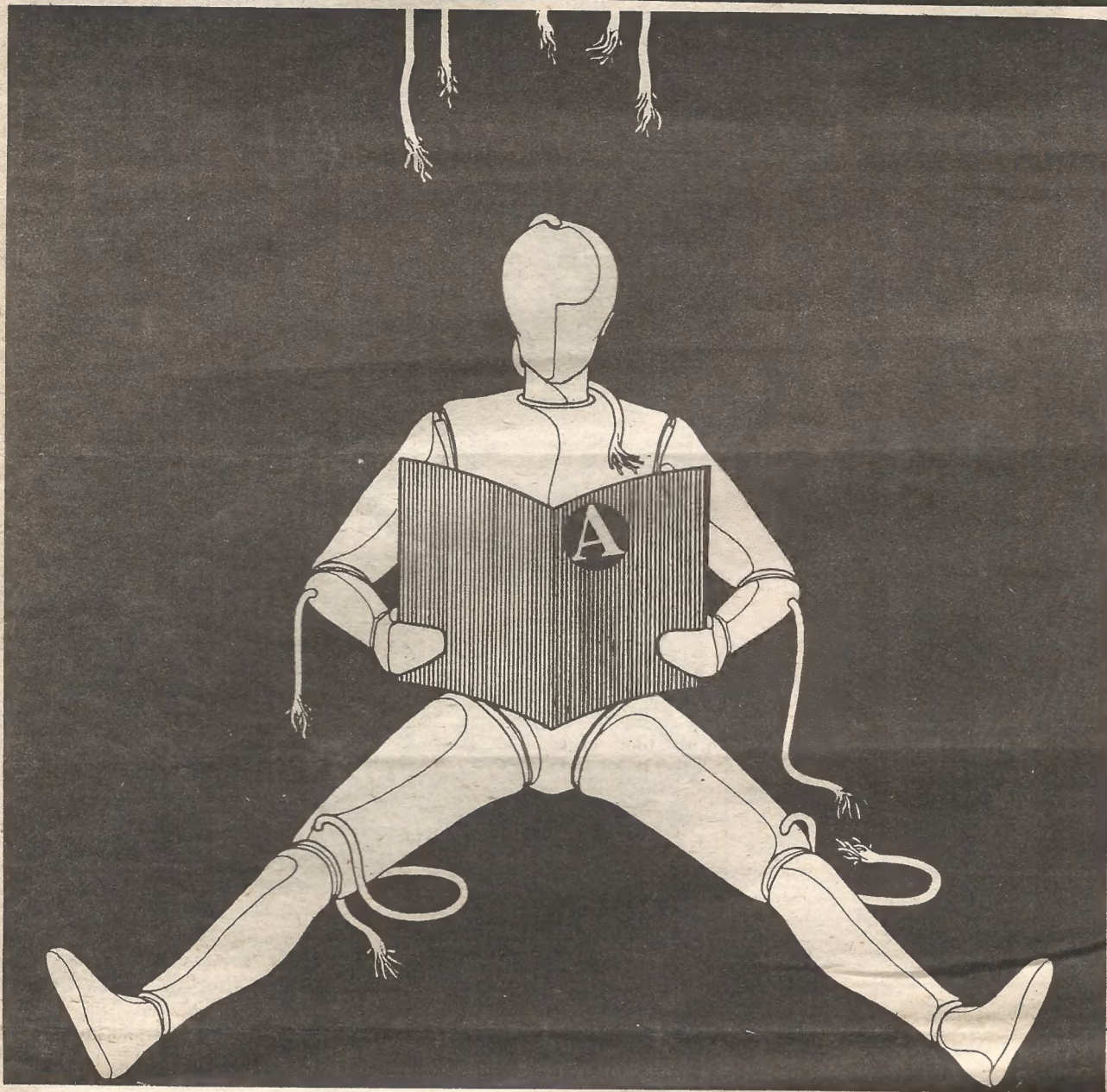
Also, please support the two Leonard Peltier support publications: Crazy Horse Spirit, c/o Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, P.O. Box 176, Mohegan Lake NY 10547.

This winter Steve Robideau, National Co-ordinator of L.P.D.C. and Leonard's cousin, will begin an international tour for Leonard's case. If you would like Steve to come to your town to speak and would like to organize dates please write to L.P.D.C., P.O. Box 1492, Rapid City, S.D. 57709.

Bayou La Rose has two petitions for Leonard and if you want copies please write to: Bayou La Rose, P.O. Box 52282, New Orleans, LA 70152.

And last, the support group in New Orleans is trying to raise money to reprint "In Total Resistance", a booklet on Leonard and Indian resistance. They need donations for this. They are also trying to find movement printers who would take on work for Leonard as a project. Write to them at: L.P.S.G./N.O., c/o Jeanne E. Northrop, 3013 Bienville Ave., New Orleans, LA 70119.

Mixed-Media



No Easy Solutions

By D.B. Cooper

Summer is long gone, vacations just a memory. Unfortunately a number of anarchist projects are suffering the same fate.

Most recently **Hapotec**, an international prisoner support group, and **Cienfuegos Press** (UK), the most ambitious anarchist publishing house in recent years (over 50 titles published), have gone belly-up. Both succumbed to a too-familiar plague: a shortage of energy or money or both simultaneously.

Ironically, the Dutch-based **Hapotec** served the needs of primarily American prisoners. Apparently there have not been 3-4 people of comparable willingness in the U.S. to provide prisoners with a voice of their own. As for **Cienfuegos**, efforts to raise desperately needed cash to meet their tremendous debts failed despite their constant efforts.

Other anarchist projects face similar predicaments. **Fifth Estate** in Detroit has recently been evicted, **Bound Together Books** in San Francisco has had their rent doubled ... and financial debts continue and lack of money is a continuous threat to such publications as **Freedom**, **Black Flag**, **Work & Pay**, and **STRIKE!** And these are only the most obvious, merely the tip: there is an uninterrupted series of books, pamphlets, posters, ephemeral

propaganda sheets in the works, interminably delayed or dying on layout tables. Perhaps there is a congenital state of affairs in a milieu marked by concerns moral or idealistic — where the search and implementation of a vision for *life* is posed against a world where death is the reigning social-organizing principle.

To suppose that the anarchist movement can rid itself of these problems within the present context is, perhaps a fool's paradise. These are hatched geometrically in proportion to those born every minute.

While you're puzzling, teasing and resolving this all to your satisfaction, don't forget we have many books and pamphlets in stock and ready to ship. Response to previous listings have been less than overwhelming. Some are too busy smashing the state to read and still others have better ways to spend their bucks. Still, drop a line. If there are certain sorts of reading materials or information you would find more useful than what's being provided here or elsewhere, we're flexible. If you or your group want others to know of your projects, in the works or completed, keep in touch. And send dirt. Everyone loves a little dirt and we'd like the goods on everyone. Here's mud in your eye.

An Evening Walk

You no sooner got out of prison
than you made your wife
pregnant;
she's on your arm,
and you're out for an evening walk around the
neighborhood.
The lady's belly comes up to her nose.
She carries her sacred charge coyly.
You're respectful and proud.
The air is cool
— cool like baby hands.
You'd like to take it in your palms
and warm it up.
The neighborhood cats are at the butcher's door,
and upstairs his curly wife
has settled her breasts on the window-ledge
and is watching the evening.
Half-light, spotless sky:
smack in the middle sits the evening star,
sparkling like a glass of water.
Indian summer lasted long this year —
the mulberry trees are yellow,
but the figs are still green.

Refik the typesetter and the milkman Yorgi's middle daughter
have gone out for an evening stroll,
their fingers locked.
The grocer Karabet's lights are on.
This Armenian citizen has not forgiven
the slaughter of his father in the Kurdish mountains.
But he loves you,
because you also won't forgive
those who blackened the name of the Turkish people.
The tuberculars of the neighborhood and the bedridden
look out from behind the glass.
The washwoman Huriye's unemployed son,
weighed down by his sadness,
goes off to the coffeehouse.
Rahmi Bey's radio is giving the news:
in a country in the Far East,
moon-faced yellow people
are fighting a white dragon.
Of your people,
four thousand five hundred Mehmeds
have been sent there to murder their brothers.
You blush
with rage and shame

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and not in general either —
this impotent grief
is all yours.
It's as if they'd knocked your wife down from behind and
killed her child,
or as if you were back in jail
and they were making the peasant guards
beat the peasants again.

All of a sudden it's night.
The evening walk is over.
A police jeep turned into your street,
your wife whispered:
"To our house?"

This poem was composed by the Turkish revolutionary Nazim Hikmet. His poems first appeared in publication in 1918. Hikmet was arrested in 1938 for inciting soldiers to revolt and sentenced to 28 years in prison. In spite of international pressure for his release, the Turkish poet spent a total of 13 years in the living tomb. Hikmet was released in 1951, after which he immediately departed for the U.S.S.R. He died at the age of 61 in Moscow, 1963.

Bombing the Bombers

By Lazarus Jones

The seemingly hopeless struggle to stave off the nuclear apocalypse that daily threatens our existence can lead to desolation and despair. The interminable grind of organizing meetings, marches and conferences builds a gut-level frustration that makes us want to seize the politicians, generals and industrialists by their collective necks and scream out our rage: "stop this madness! You are killing us all!" Most of us channel this anger into a renewed commitment to the day-to-day work of persuasion and organization. But, a group of individuals calling themselves Direct Action, decided to express this rage more directly in the form of a 550-pound bomb detonated in front of Litton Industries of Toronto, the manufacturers of the Cruise missile guidance system.

The resulting explosion injured seven people, one of them seriously, and devastated the front section of the factory. The mostly pacifist anti-Cruise groups immediately, and vociferously, condemned the action — with some individuals even going so far as to express the hope that the "offenders" would soon be "brought to justice."

The October 14 bombing of Litton was the second action of the group calling itself Direct Action. On May 31 of this year a B.C. Hydro sub-station on Vancouver Island was dynamited by what is assumed to be the same group. The sub-station was part of a Hydro project that threatened to open up the Vancouver Island wilderness to industrial development. Because of the libertarian flavour of the group's two communiques and their choice of name, police in Vancouver have attempted to link the actions to the Anarchist movement. Apparently though they are having a hard time making the frame fit as, in a backhanded compliment, Inspector Edward Wilson of the RCMP claimed that Anarchist groups are as hard "to infiltrate (as) the bikers."

As anti-militarists, rather than pacifists, Anarchists do not categorically reject armed struggle. Under some circumstances, and under certain conditions, armed struggle is valid and even necessary. Unfortunately the individuals who comprise Direct Action seem to have taken no account of the necessary conditions and circumstances. They are, in fact, operating under several dangerous and perhaps fatal delusions.

In the wake of the bombing Direct Action issued a 9-page communique. The first three pages were an apology for the injuries caused

by the blast, blamed partly on their own shortcomings and partly on the incompetent reaction of the police and Litton's security force. The remaining six pages consisted of their statement on why the action was staged.

Direct Action's statement on the injuries caused by the bombing is both deluded and equivocal. They claim to "sincerely regret that any injuries occurred as a result of the action."

If Direct Action is not prepared to accept this they should cease their operations.

But, despite their expressed regrets, in the next breath Direct Action seek to justify themselves by "putting this tragedy into proper perspective." This involves balancing the injuries caused by the blast with the threat of nuclear annihilation, industrial accidents and starvation deaths related to war preparations. This is

the people in the groups, community councils, workers' councils, etc. that emerge in the social conflict." If armed struggle is to be pursued it absolutely must spring from an already existent combative mass movement and be responsible to it. There is no way around this — at least not for Anarchists.

No isolated group can 'point the way' or 'lead by example.' To do so is to substitute the activity of the vanguard for the mass action of the people. The overthrow of the State is a necessary but not sufficient requirement of the Anarchist revolution. What matters is *how* it is overthrown and the nature of the social dynamic leading to the State's dissolution. The staging of exemplary spectacles for passive consumption, with the vague hope of imitation and general consciousness raising, only reinforces the passivity of the masses. Even if the challenge is taken up the only real result, as the European experience has shown, is an expansion of the vanguard and the reinforcement of the basic elitism of the guerilla and his/her contempt for those who refuse the path of revolutionary suicide.

These attitudes are already almost fully formed within Direct Action and it is worth quoting the relevant passage in their communique in full:

"While we have no illusions that direct action, such as this one, can by themselves bring about the end of Canada's role as a resource based economic and military functionary of Western imperialism, we do believe that militant direct actions are valid and necessary. Militant direct actions can have a constructive function both as springboards to the kind of consciousness and organization that must be developed if we are to overcome the nuclear masters, and as an effective tool of resistance now. Whether they will or not depends on the integrity of the existing movement to develop the commitment and courage to carry the struggle beyond legality and the personal security and privilege of comfortable lifestyles still aspired to, and attainable, by middle-class dissidents in North America."

When all else fails there's nothing like a little liberal guilt-tripping to get results. If you are not willing to "give your life to the revolution" at the drop of a hat you are obviously nothing but a middle-class coward. The connection between this macho strutting and Anarchism positively defies me.



Anarchist Viewpoint

Anarchist Viewpoint is a regular feature of STRIKE! which seeks to present material from the international Anarchist and Libertarian Communist movement with which the editorial collective is in substantial agreement. Such material may be of a topical or theoretical nature. Our aim is to expose our readers to the debates and controversies which are shaping modern Anarchism.

In this issue the Anarchist Viewpoint presents a critique of the Litton Bombing. The author calls into question the political implications of 'propaganda by deed' in general, and the bombings by Direct Action in particular. Lazarus Jones is a member of the STRIKE! Collective, Ideas & Action, and LALAW.

This is probably true. I would only suggest that Direct Action reflect on the fact that by taking the course they seem to have chosen they must be prepared to kill and maim. No amount of "sincere regrets" or precautionary measures can obscure the fact that if you go around planting bombs there is a reasonable likelihood that people will eventually be injured or killed.

a familiar and repugnant argument. It implies murder in the name of a self-defined "greater good"; the rights of the collectivity over those of the individual. I would submit that with this kind of logic the step toward justifying deliberate killing is an exceedingly short one.

Direct Action's statement on the bombing

November 10th Demos

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act by the Polish parliament was but a reflection of the present accomplished facts born of the bureaucracy's clear intention to smash the workers' movement long before the actual declaration of martial law.

Seen against this background the events of this autumn are to be better understood. The heroic attempt beginning October 11 to recapture the Gdansk shipyards followed by the clashes in the streets of Gdansk, Wroclaw and Nowa Huta was therefore in fact a spontaneous attempt to re-conquer the victories of two years earlier won through the self-activity of the working class.

The resulting failure to repeat history was a consequence of overwhelmingly adverse circumstances created in part by Solidarnosc itself. Specifically, Solidarnosc had all along written a prescription for defeat in its attempt to do the impossible; stage a 'self-limiting' revolution.

Consistently, social revolutions which stop half-way or do not go far enough are either co-opted, smashed or both. This is why in retreat, the Polish movement has persisted in limiting its demands and pursuing compromise with futile results and disastrous consequences. Thus, at Gdansk, the workers limited their occupation strike to the duration of one shift at a time. Elsewhere, the decision to hold back until the 'authorized' strike on November 10 by workers in other cities sacrificed the crucial initiative and momentum seized in Gdansk opening the way to the 'forces of order' to fully prevail.

With this most promising act of revolt since last December being snuffed out the events of November 10 were anti-climactic. True enough, demonstrations shook Warsaw, Wroclaw and Nowa Huta but state terrorism effectively pre-

vented a decisive challenge to the regime by stopping major strike actions.

November 10 was a clear setback for the resistance. In its aftermath the trappings of defeat quickly became obvious. Polish politics returned to the sordid level of speculation about what the 'key players' will do next. As if everything hinges on the machinations of the leaders of the junta and of the Church not to forget a 'freed' Lech Walesa?

Misguided Pessimism?

Consequently, abundant reason for pessimism exists. Yet to pass final judgement on the Polish revolution as yet another glorious defeat for the international working class is to misguidedly forget or fail to fully appreciate the gravity of the events of the last thirty months, and for that matter, the last thirty-seven years.

Poland's workers have during those years been defeated only to rise again so often and with such power that nothing can be ruled out no matter how bleak the situation now appears. Furthermore, given the unrelenting economic crisis, deep popular hatred of the junta, the increasingly obvious support for capitulation by the Church hierarchy and the unknown implications of the 'transition' underway in the USSR the potential for revolution remains very ripe.

Brutal state terrorism alone cannot stifle this potential for revolution indefinitely. State terrorism's limitations and the vulnerability of the regime were so evident when Gdansk erupted again to the surprise of everyone including the leaders of the underground. Indeed, their lack of control was a major source of strength. No one, therefore, can say with certainty when the next attempt to present established facts will occur. But sooner or later it will.



Nearly 20,000 protesters showed strength lies in numbers by denouncing the Cruise Missile in Ottawa on October 30.

itself is the usual blend of poorly written and thought-out analysis, vanguardist guerillaism and a thinly veiled contempt for the motives of anyone who might disagree with their strategy. The standard themes of the urban guerilla are reprised: the State as a repressive institution that can be fought; the urgent need to "action now"; the notion of the exemplary act and the necessity of goading the masses into movement. Despite the thin veneer of libertarian phraseology the basic authoritarianism of Direct Action's politics comes through loud and clear.

No one would deny that the State is oppressive or that it needs to be fought, but, as the authors of the Australian pamphlet *You Can't Blow Up a Social Relationship* put it: "the essence of revolution is not armed confrontation with the state but the nature of the movement that backs it up, and this will depend on the kinds of relationships and ideas amongst

If the individuals, groups and institutions behind the war machine have their way the entire world will look like Litton's front yard. No one with a shred of commitment to militant anti-militarism will shed any tears for Litton or join in the jackal chorus clamouring for Direct Action's blood. We should have absolutely no illusions about who the real terrorists in this situation are.

But, if we do not condemn Direct Action, neither should we support them. Their actions, even if they were well intentioned, are a diversion and their strategy for social change is fundamentally flawed. If our aim is mass action to sabotage the war machine the only road to follow is the slow patient route of education and tireless organization. In the absence of an active and vital mass movement armed struggle can only lead to isolation, demobilization and ultimately irrelevance.

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BREAD & ROSES



The Seamy Side of Fashion Fashion Magazines

Every woman in our culture is exposed to them. The women's magazines or "fashion magazines." Every magazine rack in the country has at least a dozen young and pretty faces smiling or sulking at you, urging you to buy that issue, to buy your ticket to a new and better way of life.

Fashion has always played a role in our society and for many women fashion can be an expression of themselves, a creative outlet or just plain fun. No one can object to good health, different hairstyles or pretty or interesting clothes. What feminists

do object to is the manipulation of women by men and big business through the fashion industry. The vehicle of this manipulation is the fashion/women's magazines. Although women are often featured as writers or editors in the prominent sections of the magazine, every major women's magazine is published by men or a male-dominated corporation. The bigwigs behind the magazines are all men.

A women's magazine is basically a series of ads for clothes, make-up and accessories, with prices ranging, depending on the magazine, from expensive to outrageous.

Moreover, these ads are designed to produce anxiety in the readers. The ads suggest that if what is offered is bought, no matter how impractical or unattractive, the spectator's life will become better. If you cannot buy the product, you have passed up not only a piece of merchandise but a way of life.

Of course, most women, earning only 60% of what men make cannot afford the merchandise offered. This failure creates even more anxiety for women, particularly younger women. Some young women react by starving themselves, sometimes to death. Other women binge and starve and feed themselves regular doses of laxatives and diuretics in order to remain thin. Most women do not go to these extremes, but many become anxiety-ridden enough to become easily molded into the passive, feminine roles that pose no threat to male domination of their lives.

The contradictions in these magazines are legion. While they often praise older women like Katherine Hepburn and assure their readers that there is nothing wrong with getting older (providing of course, it's done right) they typically exploit the sexuality of 13 year old girls in a manner that many people would consider almost pornographic.

Ads and recipes for unhealthy, sugar-filled and fattening foods are placed right alongside ads and articles for fitness, health and diet.

Even though the magazines celebrate "women's independence" and often acknowledge that non-heterosexual relationships are a viable alternative, the magazines are dedicated to ensuring women catch men, keep men or behave in a manner that would win lascivious approval from men.

But what can you expect from a woman's magazine published and owned by men?

More Fashion News

The fashion industry/garment trade, besides exploiting the consumer, has a well deserved reputation of exploiting and mistreating its employees, of which a great number of them in the lowest pay scale are women. The term "sweat shop" originated in the garment trade.

Earlier this year, a minor scandal erupted when it was discovered that Adolpho, the first lady's favourite designer uses low paid illegal immigrants to help create his fashions.

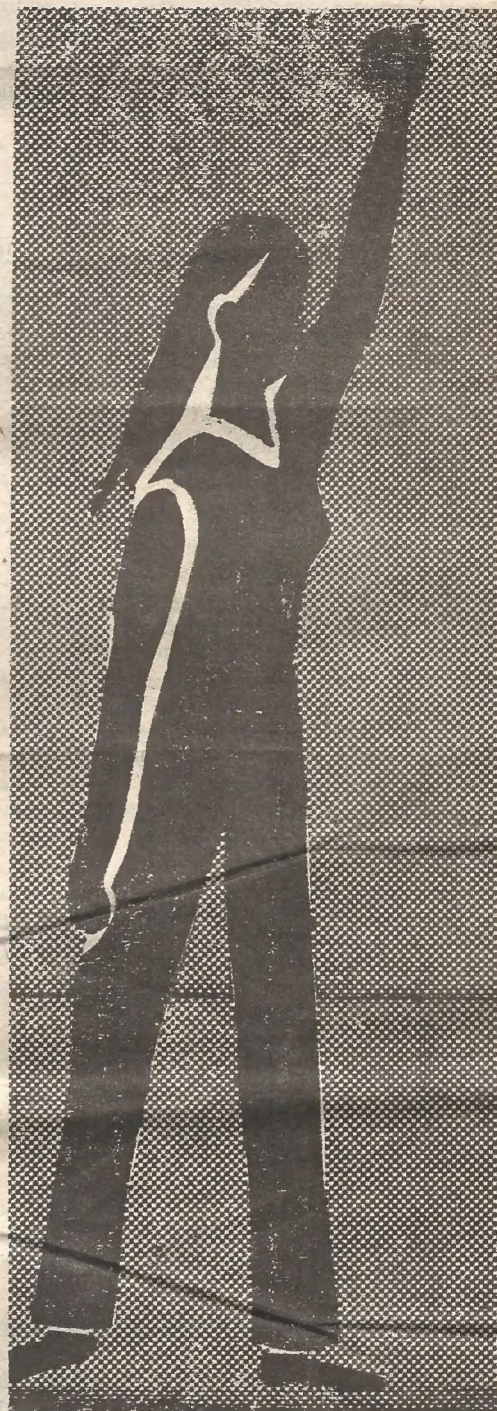
Ralph Lauren is another example of high fashion paying low wages. It was recently reported that the U.S. designer is paying British senior citizens \$10 to \$27 to knit sweaters he sells in the United States for \$400. Each woman knits 2 to 3 sweaters a week and each sweater, with the cost of material included, costs about \$44 to make. Apparently, there is no trouble selling the sweaters to interested buyers but Lauren complains that his suppliers are too slow. Lauren justifies the disparity between cost and price by saying he has to pay shipping charges to the U.S., an import duty and he must pay his London agent's commission and miscellaneous charges which he didn't specify but are sure to include a healthy profit for himself.

In Mississauga, Canada, Phantom Industries Ltd. the maker of pantyhose inquired of a local alderman whether Mississauga would be a good place to relocate in terms of "ethnic women."

"Yes," replied the co-operative alderman, "there is a predomi-

nance of Italian, East Indian and Caribbean sub-communities, and excellent access to other ethnic concentrations."

When the exchange of letters came to light, the company denied that it had been looking for a pool of cheap, immigrant labour to exploit. It's interest in "ethnic sub-communities" was solely in the "body type" of those women. "We're interested in their longer slender fingers," said Phantom's general manager, who seems only to open his mouth to change feet.



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Poster/Manifesto appealing for an international protest campaign against the formal removal of the right to strike from the State Constitution of China. The text documents numerous recent examples of worker unrest on the mainland. For copies and information contact: Hong Kong Association for Solidarity with the Chinese Democratic Movement, T.T.M., P.O. Box 60071, Hong Kong. Please include a donation towards costs.

Ideas & Action: Anarcho-Syndicalist/Libertarian Socialist theoretical journal dedicated to workers' emancipation. A limited number of copies of the second issue are available and a third is due soon. Individual copies are \$1.50. Individual subscriptions are \$6.00 per year or \$4.50 for low income earners. Free to prisoners.

North American Anarchist Network: To participate send 50 copies of whatever you wish to

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S.R.A.F. Bulletin: The discussion bulletin of the Social Revolutionary Anarchist Federation has been revived. It is now published by Frontline, P.O. Box 21071, Washington, D.C. 20009. Subs. are \$6.00 for 6 issues to individuals (by voluntary donation) or \$12.00 to institutions with funded acquisition programmes.

Carl Harp Printing Appeal: A group of anarchists are planning to re-print *Love & Rage*, Carl Harp's prison diary along with *I Wanna Be Free* (the HAPOTOC pamphlet), unpublished material and an account of his killing.

The book will be linked to ongoing prison struggles. If you have any material, ideas or especially *money* please send it to: Carl Harp Printing Appeal c/o 121 Books, 121 Railton Rd., London SE 26, England.

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Leaflets Available: The Libertarian Workers' Group has leaflets (one each) on the Middle East (2), Labour Day and anti-militarism. A

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donation would be appreciated to cover costs.

Also available are copies of "We Want Freedom: A Jewish Anarchist Statement" for \$1.00 each.

Emancipation is a monthly magazine published by the Anarchist Association of the Americas with news, analysis and comment. Subscriptions to this four-year-old publication are \$4/year, \$7.50/two years, \$10/year for institutions and free to prisoners. For a sample copy send a self-addressed envelope to AAA, Benjamin Franklin Station Box 840, Washington D.C. 20044, USA.

Calendar Calendar Calendar

Philadelphia

Forum: "Critical Social Theory: A Perspective" Speakers, Richard Bernstein and Mihailo Markovic who are coeditors of **Praxis International**. Wednesday, November 17 at 8:00 pm in the Community Education Center, 3500 Lancaster Ave. (three blocks north of Market). Sponsored by Wooden Shoe Books and Records. Call 569-2477 for info.

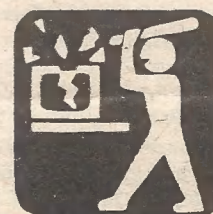
International

December 13 Protests: Marking the first anniversary of the military coup and imposition of the state of war in Poland. If something isn't already being planned for the occasion in your locality then why not organize something? For information on protests in Canada write **STRIKE!**

Montreal

LALAW Conference: "Revolution and Reaction in Central America" the weekend of March 27-28 sponsored by Libertarian Aid to Latin American Workers and the Anarchos Institute.

For information as it becomes available contact LALAW, c/o Librarie Alternative, 2033 boul. St. Laurent, Montreal Quebec.



Unemployed Head to Ottawa

by: Tom Baker

The Janus face of lay-offs and wage controls is weakening the labour movement in Canada. American interference has provided a significant impetus to these 'restraint' policies.

Militaristic intervention by the U.S. establishment is the most obvious way this influence is experienced. Not surprisingly then pacifist sentiments have been particularly well received north of the 49th.

However while the domination of the American power elite and 'restraint' are relatively well orchestrated by the patronage of the Liberal party only now are democratic and leftist tendencies merging. Perhaps more activity on these fronts will be aided by the Hamilton-Niagara Labour Coalition for Jobs' March on Parliament Hill.

Such an outcome is not so unlikely as it may at first appear. Developing union labour job coalitions can fill a crucial gap between the independence and socialist movements. By focusing on unemployment, unions can link the disarmament and libertarian camps.

Organizing the unemployed by sharing union resources encourages fight-backs against restraints by inhibiting scab-herding tactics. And the organization of the out of work could more sharply define the costs of imperialism in Canada.

Unemployed unions are an idea whose time has come. They are called for by the flattened economy. For example daily reports see the industrial centres of Canada laying off thousands. Unemployment has increased more than 66 percent in the last year with no end in sight. Wage controls are draining more than a billion dollars from workers' pockets and so reducing consumer spending. That means more work will be lost.

It may be though that these events are just aberrations. After all the past summer has seen a stock and bond market upswing. Some have even concluded prosperity is just around the corner and we need not be overly concerned about the momentary persistence of high unemployment.

Yet you can trace the supposed stock market recovery to the traditional 'sunshine budgets' which accompany U.S. elections. This suggests that when the race for Congress ends so will the economic 'blip'.

It is also true that interest rates are down recently. But this

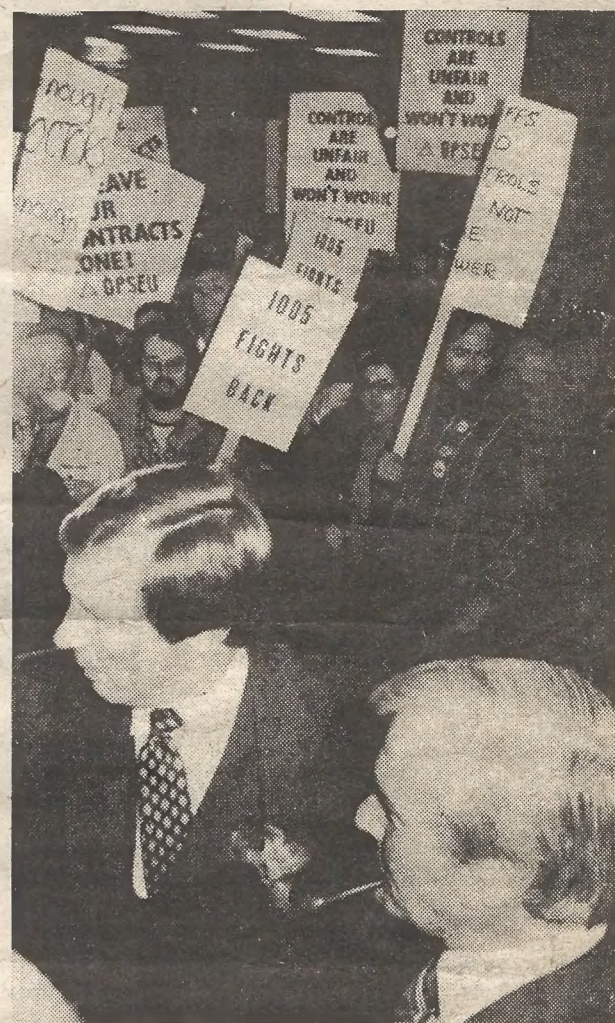
could have more to do with slackening demand for credit than an increase in untapped pools of capital. So when governments in North America go to the bond market, for new financing of their increased deficits, before year end there will be renewed upwards pressure on interest rates. That spells disaster for the stock market since there will be less money available effectively for upkeep and expansion.

Behind this ticker tape parade of gloomy indicators are the corporate bail outs and military spendings which secure imperialism. Ordinarily these initiatives can be effected without threatening social collapse as we saw during the post-war boom. Unfortunately these aren't ordinary times. The increased productivity yielded by new research and development has threatened to upset the whole business appletart. The microchip and other technologies spun off from Vietnam war research are cheapening the costs of reproduction in many industries. On the other hand these cost reductions mean less new labour is required per unit of output. That means corporation rates of return tend to fall.

Firms attempt to prevent drops in their rates of return by inflationary price increases. We saw this occur on a large scale after 1973 when the American government and oil companies quadrupled oil prices to correct the deficit in the national balance of payments. This deficit was associated with military outlays for the Vietnam war and the space programme which generated new labour-saving devices most successfully applied by industrialists in Germany and Japan.

Under the pressure of increased productivity unemployment also rises. This unemployment can be reduced by additional government spending. Alternatively, the state can bail out the dinosaurs of the corporate world. It's even possible for Parliament to do both (inadequately). The crucial weight that tips the scales is the lobbying of policy makers by social interests.

It seems that thus far the establishment is meeting with more success in its efforts to save ailing industries than are the advocates of full employment and corporate euthanasia. Unemployed unions are the key to changing all that. So be on Parliament Hill Monday November 29th and help make labour coalitions for jobs as much a part of the labour movement as the 'Solidarity' anthem.



Angry employed and unemployed workers greet Ontario Premier Bill Davis in Hamilton, Ontario on November 2.

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consistent results of victorious national liberation movements. Incidentally, the NLF in Viet Nam was largely decentralized at one time too and also admired by the one time Maoist China groupies of MRP as well.

Most provocative of all were your statements about Poland. The 'more sausages and a raised cane' remark was one of pure ignorance of Polish history beginning with the Hitler-Stalin Pact and the distinction drawn with El Salvador forgets ugly facts like the massacre of Hungarian workers in 1956 (an event which most of the "Left" either conveniently ignores or denies).

It is no less wrong to call our coverage of the struggle in Poland uncritical. All along we have harshly criticized the reformism of the KOR and Solidarnosc's leadership, noted how nationalism is a major weakness of the struggle and *attacked* the influence of the Church as largely reactionary. Just consider our enthusiastic support of the Polish feminists?

True enough, we have devoted an enormous amount of coverage to Poland. But this is because of some simple facts about the Polish movement. It is unique in being an egalitarian mass movement embracing almost the entire working class of a country. It has employed and continues to employ direct action tactics of struggle on a huge scale and, furthermore, the dynamic of its struggles led it, just prior to the coup, to demand workers' self-management of the economy. In fact, it was ready to move to establish this through 'active' or social strikes meaning workplace seizures.

In short, the workers' movement in Poland was largely characterized by phenomena wholly consistent with an anarchist or libertarian communist perspective. The national liberation movements to date in the Third World clearly are not.



False Conclusions

Dear STRIKE!

The conclusion Tom Baker draws in his article on the national question in *STRIKE! (For Independence and Socialism)*, namely that anarchists should not only support movements for national self-determination but also such blatantly Statist organizations as the PLO and the FMLN, tends to overshadow what is by-and-large a useful and accurate description of historic Anarchist

Louise towards popular movements for national self-determination. Unfortunately Baker neglects several crucial qualifications. One of these is that, for Anarchists, the national

question is always secondary to the social question.

Revolutionary nationalism, that sees its goal as the eradication of all faith in divine or human authority and the free federation of all the world's nations, has always garnered their unequivocal opposition.

Bakunin, for example, while supporting the Italian struggle for self-determination, was highly critical of the movement's Statist leadership under Mazzini:

"Mazzini had not understood that the spontaneous and free union of the living forces of a nation had nothing in common with their artificial concentration at once mechanistic and forced in the political centralisation of the unitary state; and because he confused and identified these two very opposing things he has not only been the promoter of the independence of his country he has become at the same time, very much in spite of himself without doubt, the promoter of its present slavery."

When Palestinians take to the streets in the West Bank to directly battle their oppressors our support is total and unreserved. When they put their faith and their trust in a fat little man in an army suit pathetically lusting for the approval of various Statist scumbags we can only express our regrets.

In Solidarity
Steve Ellams
Montreal, Canada

Cops and Anarchs

Dear STRIKE! Collective,

I'm writing in response to Pat Murtagh's letter regarding Direct Action (STRIKE! 2:8). Pat doesn't agree with Direct Action's methods. Fair enough. He thinks that the B.C. Hydro bombing may damage the environmental movement's image. Again, fair enough. These are his options, and he is welcome to them.

But Pat tries to support his opinions by accusing Direct Action of being police agents, a police creation, or, at the very least, of working on the police's behalf. These accusations seem to be very lightly made, based on suppositions and wild rumours that he has "unearthed." He doesn't present *one shred* of evidence to support his claim.

Labelling someone as a cop is one of the most damaging things that can be done to someone within the left. It's a favourite trick of Stalinists and Maoists to discredit those they don't agree with. How would Pat feel, I wonder, if he were accused of being an RCMP informer? And the evidence being flimsy ravings like, 'well, he used to live in Regina,' and twisted logic like 'he writes letters accusing comrades of being cops. That proves it.' How would Pat like having to go around proving that he *wasn't* a cop before anyone would work with him?

Legitimate concern that this action may give the police an excuse to crack down on organizations fighting Hydro expansions by legal means is understandable. Resentment because we're all going to have to take some heat is understandable. But to blame Direct Action for police behaviour is idiotic. This is a very violent, twisted, authoritarian system, and as soon as we become

a threat, we're going to be hit hard. But let's not start fighting as soon as the police start knocking on doors. And I would suggest that if Pat Murtagh can't present his opinions to us without having to support them with libel and damaging wanderings of the mind, he keep quiet. We'll all be better off.

revolutionary regards,
Stuart Morris,
Montreal, Quebec.

Contra Abortion

To the Editor:

I read with interest "Backlash Has Arrived" (STRIKE! 9/15/82). I have yet to find a clear viewpoint regarding abortion and abortifacient medication presented by either the pro-abortionist or the anti-abortionist partisan faction. Both sides take their stands just *because* their stands are *partisan*.

It should be clear that all humans have the right of self-defense. Thus it should be clear that if pregnancy threatens a woman's life, she is plainly entitled to an abortion.

On the other hand, it should also be clear that the life of a human being does begin with cell-multiplication (humans will soon be cloned and gestated extra-bodily in laboratories, in which process there will be no *conception*). Trimester and viability *cannot* determine the start of a human being's life, for what determines these but cell multiplication?

If poverty is the reason for unlimited abortions, then the thing to work on is abolition of poverty through revolution. The abolition of poverty will abolish the 'need' for unlimited abortions and abortifacients.

There are many highly workable alternatives to unwanted pregnancy, other than absolute celibacy, abortion and abortifacients. Condoms, diaphragms and such contraceptives, plus rhythm-cycle and non-inseminative forms of intercourse. The only objections ever made to these are made on ground of unavailability and on ground of sheer hedonism. If these things are unavailable, then the effort should be to make them available. The hedonistic objections, blunting of the thrill, etc., are not morally valid when weighed against a human life.

If lack of adoption facilities is the problem, then the effort should be applied to the building of such facilities, not to killing the babies.

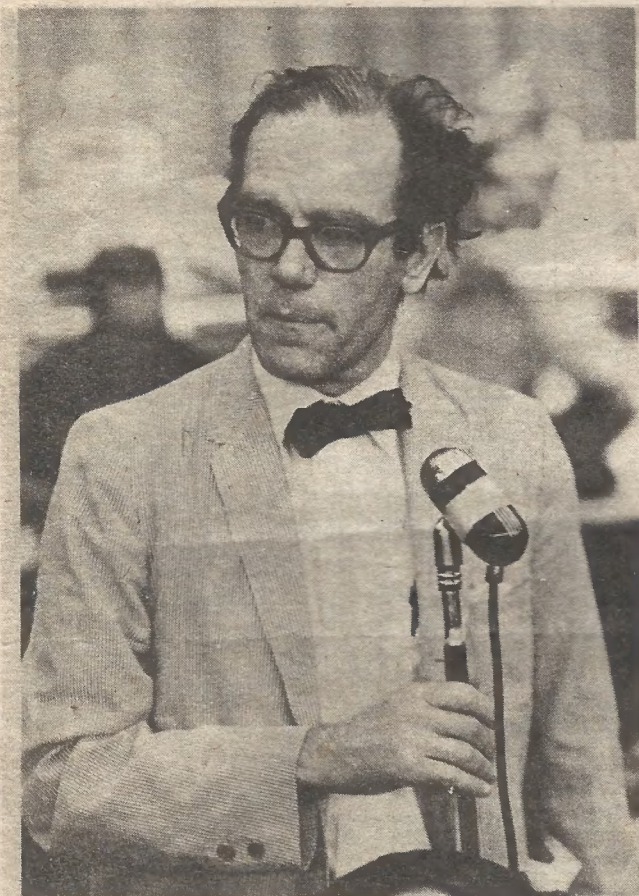
The claim that the pre-viable fetus is not a human being is a de facto claim that it is morally edible, as is all non-human meat, such as unborn lamb, snails, rattlesnakes, fried ants and the live gold fish of the college students of the 1930's. The capitalist profit motive being what it is, and the abortionist being but a profit-motivated bourgeois entrepreneur, we are soon to see fetus-burger and fetus-pizza joints all along our main thoroughfares. If this sounds like science fiction, remember that that is all atom bombs are.

If we are not to defend the lives of all people, the women and the unborn too, I see little point in anti-war activity, civil rights activity or unionism. I hope this one and only clear view can be given the space that all the unclear views always get.

In comradeship,
George La Forest



NCLC Targets UMW



NCLC demagogue Lyndon LaRouche

The Militant

By Gordon Simmons

First there was the revelation that the Lyndon LaRouche cult of neofascism had gained influence among the corrupt Teamster bureaucracy (see *Mother Jones Magazine*, Jan 82). Now comes the news that the LaRouche cult is making a bid to influence the leadership of the United Mine Workers, and meeting with some success.

LaRouche's cult has functioned through a variety of front groups: NCLC, the U.S. Labor Party, Fusion Energy Foundation, War on Drugs, Intellico and the American Labor Beacon. A LaRouchists by the name of Larry Sherman, operating through the two of these fronts, has supplied top UMW officials with a large 'intelligence report' which claims, among other things, to document communist influence in the coalfields. Specifically, the Intellico report attempts to link the dissident campaign of Richard Trumka and Cecil Roberts with half a dozen communist parties.

Despite this extremely flimsy exercise in red-baiting, union president Sam Church and his cohorts are reportedly giving it a great deal of serious and appreciative attention, particularly since the Trumka-Roberts campaign is far ahead of Church's own ticket in rounding up nominations for the upcoming election. But the significance of neofascist penetration of union bureaucracies goes far beyond any rivalry for leadership. The very possibility of such an influence points to the implications, both practical and ideological, of the very existence of bureaucratic structures in working class organizations.

First of all, red baiting is not new to the UMW. Sam Church has done it before, without any prompting from LaRouche. Its effectiveness as a tactic, however, has been probably limited by Tony Boyle's reliance on it when he was union president. It does, nevertheless, serve as a desperate denial of the reality of class struggle. This allows, for example, the LaRouche report to dismiss the wildcat strike phenomenon of the 70's as the creation of a handful of Maoists.

What is new about the LaRouche approach is that it also links union dissidence with a wildly lunatic plot of the Rockefellers and Wall Street. This pseudopopulism is able to take advantage of

existing class antagonism while leaving the real base of class society — social relations — free of criticism. It is a classic ingredient of fascism to borrow anticapitalist rhetoric in a bid for proletarian allegiances while supporting authoritarian social relations. A reified perception of some secret plot is just the thing to do the trick.

But the immediate problem, and obstacle to effective worker insurgency, remains what it has been for decades: an already existing hierarchical structure in the unions. Whether or not the LaRouche initiative is able to harm the Trumka-Roberts campaign, the limits of electoralist reform were demonstrated in the 'Miners for Democracy' campaign which swept Arnold Miller into office. No matter who you vote for, the winner turns out to be bureaucrat.

The only effective longterm response to a LaRouchist bid for influence in labour unions is a movement for workers' autonomy. By struggling to diffuse power amongst the rank and file, the conspiratorial antics of any authoritarian group — from organized crime to the LaRouche cult — would be subverted. Whether such a ongoing workers insurgency could develop from the limited (though direct) activism of the now dormant miners' wildcat movement is, unfortunately, a long-shot as long as class struggle is contained in electoralist reform campaigns. Any demand for direct democracy in the union, the workplace and the community wouldn't be satisfied by merely changing leaders.

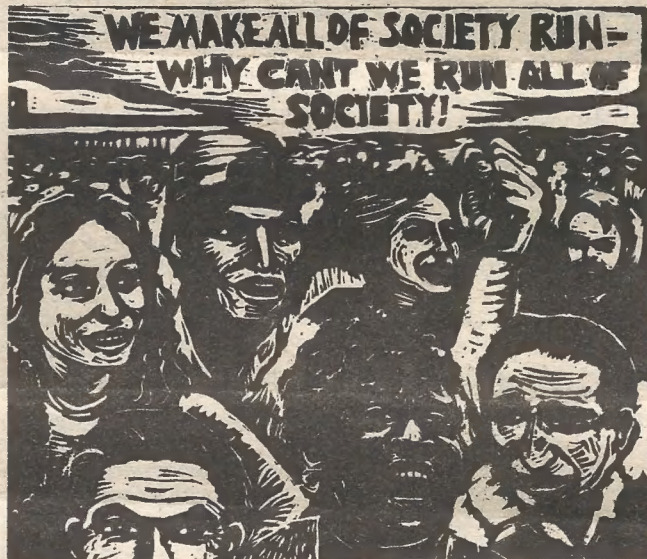
General Strike in Quebec

By Brian Amesley

Ten years ago the 'Common Front' of Quebec unions emerged as the organized expression of the militance and struggles of workers in Quebec. During its short history it was the motor force of general strike action and labour unrest on a scale which seems completely alien to contemporary North American society. Capital and its administrators saw the combination of its dynamism with the independence movement and were quick to recognize the inherent radical possibilities as a serious threat to their social order.

Today that threat is ascendent again with a new twist. The target of the revived 'Common Front' is now the ruling party of 'independence', the Parti Quebecois, which is about to enact Bill 70. This proposed law will institute wage cuts and controls in 1983 for Quebec's public sector workers. As such it sparked on November 10th a more than 200,000 strong public sector general strike which closed schools, transit systems and other services province-wide. The workers struck defying possible fines, jailings and union decertifications.

Furthermore, with the government firm in its resolve to pass Bill 70 the momentum is going to build far more powerful strike action over the winter. With the crisis of capital intensifying and the fightback growing, workers everywhere should give their full active support to their Quebecois counterparts who may soon take the path of an unlimited general strike.



Don't Delay!

Last month at the anti-Cruise Missile demonstration in Ottawa two long-time **STRIKE!** Collective members present found the reception to **STRIKE!** very encouraging. It was indicative of a growing interest in and notoriety of **STRIKE!** which convinces us that the future potential of this newspaper *can* be impressive indeed.

To this end we are more than ever striving to improve and popularize **STRIKE!** and enhance its contribution to the social revolutionary project in North America. With the help of our supporters we have already proven ourselves capable of producing a viable, *regular* publication of anarchist and libertarian communist news, theory and opinion. This achievement stands as a foundation for bigger and better things.

But to achieve them the efforts of the **STRIKE!** Collective and the hard core **STRIKE!** supporters scattered across the continent just isn't enough. The rest depends upon you our readers and our current fundraising drive aimed at collecting \$10,000 is indicative of our recognition of this fact.

Unfortunately, the results to date have been a clear disappointment. As of a week into November the total raised comes to just \$2,225.60. It stands to reason that a lot more money is needed soon to make this campaign in any way successful. So, if you think what **STRIKE!** is

doing is worthwhile, largely share our aspirations and would like to see this campaign prove fruitful respond generously and, by all means, don't delay!

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Labour Pains

Support the Chrysler Strike

At 10:00 am on Friday, November 5th nearly 10,000 rebellious workers at Chrysler struck the company's Ontario-based operations in what promises to be a lengthy and bitter fight. This is one which has the potential to be a landmark struggle in the North American fight against the scourge of contract concessions and a corporation which tight-fistedly refuses to grant an immediate wage increase at least until there is a new UAW settlement in the U.S. next year.

There was no stopping this walkout. Beforehand Chrysler of Canada workers demanded the strike deadline be moved ahead and many of them backed this sentiment up with two wildcat strikes in early October. These strikes at the Windsor van plant and the Ajax trim plant also revealed the depth of anger at the UAW's top brass. Nonetheless, the strikes were crushed. The deadline didn't change and 18 workers were fired.

Canadian UAW Director Robert White got the message though. Following these eruptions his bargaining stance toughened and he made it clear that the company had to offer a substantial, immediate wage increase to avoid a strike. Even a desperate last minute personal appeal by U.S. Chrysler boss Lee Iacocca to White did nothing to delay strike action.

Given the major concessions made since 1979 including a nearly three year long wage freeze the rage felt by these workers towards both the union bureaucrats and Chrysler is appropriate. So was the decisive rejection of the U.S. UAW's miserable tentative contract (See **STRIKE!** Vol. 2, p. 8) by American Chrysler workers although their decision to hold back on strike action until at least January is a bitter pill for the Canadian strikers to swallow. U.S. Chrysler workers now face massive strike-induced layoffs as a result.

All the while Chrysler continues to plead poverty. Yet so far this year it has taken in over \$500 million in profits plus it has a record billion bucks in its reserve fund. Realizing the company has managed to pay off debts to its banks and suppliers Chrysler's workers feel it about time they were paid back with the restoration of wage parity with GM and Ford workers.

But thanks to the machinations of the UAW bureaucracy in dividing up contract negotiations in the auto industry this year instead of fighting with a united front against all the companies at once Chrysler of Canada's workers are very much on their own; striking in isolation. In addition to this, the Ontario government which made large loans to Chrysler, raised the threat of back to work legislation *before* the strike began. Faced with these problems the strikers deserve all out support from other autoworkers and labour in general. American Chrysler workers must also get off the sidelines and extend the fight into the U.S. Win this strike!

Teamsters Hang Tough

3,500 truckers are fighting against a concession contract proposed by 12 major Ontario, Canada, trucking corporations. The union is proposing a just settlement based on terms previously negotiated at other trucking firms which aren't in the industry combine. But so far the industry group is refusing to bargain on these terms. So try to get your union local to donate money to the striking teamsters and help labour prevent concessions.

USWA 1005 Demands Work

On October 17th and 18th L.U. 1005 stewards gathered in Hamilton to help produce a campaign fighting lay-offs and wage controls. By year end more than 4,000 people in the 12,000 member local at Stelco, in Hamilton, Canada, will be laid-off. In fact the company is closing down during the Christmas season. So the seminar was timely.

Jean Claude Parrot, president of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, called for escalating labour mobilizations and publicity to defeat the government restraint plan. He believes that a skillful combination of political protest and industrial actions can defeat the state's austerity measures. Specifically Parrot proposed a series of regional rotating strikes where labour is strong, work to rule methods, and street canvassing to counter employer propaganda.

Mel Watkins, an economist, pointed out workers didn't get us into the present economic mess. They don't run the country. Big business does. So they should bear the responsibility for unemployment.

300 stewards and executive members of 1005 heard president Cec Taylor outline an initiative to sign 100,000 letters to the Prime Minister calling for unemployment benefit extensions and 10 percent personal tax cuts. As well Dave Patterson, USWA district 6 director, and Sean O'Flynn Ontario Public Services Employees Union president, both attacked government attempts to erode workers' rights and living standards.

This seminar has helped to make unemployment a political issue instead of a private concern. It also helped strengthen the campaign to march on Ottawa for jobs on November 29th and 30th.

